

Following a recent uptick in staff members testing positive for COVID-19, IYC St. Charles is transitioning back to Phase II of restored operations. Effective immediately, the following mitigation actions are now in place until further notice:

TESTING:

- IDJJ's Medical Director is coordinating testing of all St. Charles youth.
- IDJJ is working with Kane County Health Department to determine whether staff prevalence testing is necessary.
- All staff on remote status are encouraged to get tested.

OPERATIONAL CHANGES:

- Directly exposed youth will be placed in isolation/quarantine mode pending COVID-19 test results.
- Remaining youth recreation and meals will take place on their respective cottages.
- The use of on grounds vehicles is suspended to reduce frequently use of small spaces.
- Scheduled admissions from juvenile detention centers are suspended.
- Admissions from Aftercare require special review.

PROGRAMMING CHANGES:

- Samuel Sublett Alternative High School, Lakeland College, and all off-site programming is suspended.
- Samuel Sublett and Lakeland College staff will work remote.
- Programming staff will revert back to weekly onsite and remote work schedule.
- All on-site volunteer and contract activities is suspended.
- In-person youth visitation is suspended until further notice and virtual visitation will be arranged.

IDJJ is in the process of notifying all impacted families, community members, volunteers, and programming partners. We will continue taking any mitigation steps necessary for the health and safety of our staff and youth.